IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 1 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A recording medium for ink-jet recording with an ink containing a pigment, provided with an ink-receiving layer on at least one surface of a substrate, wherein said ink-receiving layer comprises a porous layer comprising thermoplastic resin particles that have been mutually fused with no particle structure left and pigment particles, wherein the ink-receiving layer and the substrate are fused, and the ink receiving layer has gaps formed by the fusion of the thermoplastic resin particles,

wherein the amount of the thermoplastic resin in the ink-receiving layer is 40% or less of that of the pigment in the ink-receiving layer, and

wherein said substrate has a thickness in the range of 0.2 to 1.0 mm, and is composed of at least one selected from the group consisting of a polyvinyl chloride resin, polystyrene resin, polycarbonate~~, terephthalic acid-ethylene glycol-cyclohexane dimethanol copolymer~~ resin and polyvinylidene chloride resin.

2. (Original) The recording medium according to claim 1, wherein a porous outermost layer comprising thermoplastic resin particles is provided on the ink-receiving layer.

3. (Original) The recording medium according to claim 2, wherein said substrate is card-shaped.

4. (Original) The recording medium according to claim 1, wherein said pigment particles are composed of alumina hydrate.

5-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Withdrawn) An image forming process comprising the step of forming an image by ejecting an ink by an ink-jet recording method onto the recording medium according to claim 1.

10. (Withdrawn) An image forming process comprising the steps of:

forming an image by discharging ink by an ink-jet recording method onto the recording medium according to claim 2, and

rendering said outermost layer transparent.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Withdrawn) A process for the preparation of a recording medium comprising the steps of:

applying to a substrate a coating liquid comprising pigment particles and thermoplastic resin particles;